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1. OVER PAST FEW WEEKS, PRESS HAS REPORTED VARIOUS CASES OF EX-DGS/PIDE OFFICIALS FLEEING MOZAMBIQUE, IN DEFIANCE OF THE ORDER REPORTED REFTEL. INSPECTOR JOAQUIM SABINO, DGS DIRECTOR IN TETE DISTRICT WHOSE ARREST HAD BEEN REPORTED IN PRESS (ALSO REFTEL), HEARD THE NEWS ON RADIO BEFORE POLICE REACHED HIM, CHARTERED AN AIRTAXI BEFORE DAWN, AND FLEW TO CHANGARA NEAR RHODESIAN FRONTIER, WHICH HE CROSSED ON FOOT. HIS WIFE WAS SEIZED WHEN SHE TRIED SIMILAR ESCAPE A LITTLE LATER, BUT ONE SON MADE IT TO RHODESIA. WE HAVE ONE REPORT THAT SABINO HAS GONE ON TO LONDON.

2. DR. ANTONIO VAZ, MOZAMBIQUE DIRECTOR OF DGS UNTIL A FEW MONTHS BEFORE REVOLUTION, MADE HIS WAY TO SWAZILAND, AND FROM THERE WENT ON TO BRAZIL; HIS WIFE IS REPORTEDLY IN LISBON. VAZ HAD WORKED FOR CHAMPALIMAUD INTERESTS AFTER

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LEAVING DGS IN WAKE OF CHARGES SURROUNDING DEATH IN PRISON

OF PROTESTANT PASTOR MANGANHELA.

3. TWO DGS AGENTS FROM BEIRA, MANUEL FERNANDES AND AMERICO ANDRE FARINHA, DISAPPEARED ABOUT MAY 30 AND ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE TO RHODESIA VIA VILA PEREIRA.

4. FINALLY, EIGHT DGS AGENTS, INCLUDING INSPECTOR ALVES CARDOSO, FOUNDER OF THE MOZAMBIQUE FLECHA (DGS ALL-BLACK SHOCK GROUP) UNITS, ESCAPED TO RHODESIA ON JUNE 1, BY RAMMING THROUGH BORDER BARRIERS IN A GOVERNMENT JEEP AND PRIVATE CAR.

5. CONGEN WAS VISITED JUNE 4 BY INSPECTOR JOAO ANTONIO DE PAIRAO, FORMERLY DGS DISTRICT INSPECTOR IN NAMPULA. HE TOLD US THAT ALL FORMER DISTRICT DGS INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FROM INTERIOR TO LOURENCO MARQUES, WHERE THEY ARE BEING EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS POLICE AGENCIES. APPARENTLY LOWER LEVEL AGENTS ARE CONTINUING TO PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE IN NORTH, BUT TO MILITARY AND UNDER MILITARY AUSPICES. THE FLECHA UNITS (WHICH WERE NEVER VERY NUMEROUS IN MOZAMBIQUE) ALSO CONTINUE UNDER MILITARY COMMAND. FORMER DGS INSPECTOR ANTONIO GOMES LOPES, WHO USED TO BE MAIN CONTACT FOR CONSULAR CORPS AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING FOREIGNERS, HAS AGAIN LEFT MOZAMBIQUE, AND IS VARIOUSLY REPORTED IN PORTUGAL AND GERMANY.
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